

Office of External Communications Weekly Report, July 11, 2018

HOT ISSUES

OEC is working on a roll-out strategy to announce final remedy for DuPont/Chemours site in East Chicago.

An OEC press officer will join water staff at July 17th public meeting in Armenia Township in Juneau County, Wis., where nitrate levels exceed the MCL in about 40 percent of private drinking water wells. A response to a community group's FOIA request for EPA's results from recent sampling of private wells is due on 7/16. Milwaukee Journal reporter Lee Bergquist has also requested these results.

OEC coordinating with ARD and ORC on General Iron communications strategy which may include posting test results online and likely a press release when/if a NOV issued. Reporters continue to request stack test results and NRDC has submitted a FOIA request for them. stack test results.

Coordinating with HQs OPA to respond to PBS Frontline's request for Flint data. Also, the approved statement on EPA's response to the OIG's recommendations in the Flint water report will be used to respond to press inquiries. The final report is expected to be released very soon.

OEC, ARD and Superfund working on a communications strategy to discuss manganese issues at S.H. Bell on Chicago's SE Side.

UPCOMING EVENTS

RA Events

- Tour of Kalamazoo River site to mark SF taskforce's 1-year anniversary (July 24, Kalamazoo)
- Meeting with Michigan Farm Bureau (July 24, location TBD)
- WMC Policy Day and Alliant Energy (August 6, Beloit and Madison, Wis.)
- NEORSD CSO tour (August 22, Cleveland)

Expected Announcements

- Upcoming GLRI Action Plan III public forum in Saginaw (press release, 7/11)
- Cleanup progress at Kalamazoo River Superfund site, (press release/press availability/social media, 7/24)
- DuPont/Chemours final RCRA remedy announcement (press release, social media, web page update, intergovernmental notifications, 7/20)
- \$16 million cleanup at Zephyr Oil Refinery site in Muskegon Lake AOC completed (press release date TBD)

NOTABLE ACTIVITIES

Top Stories

- Duluth public engagement session on GLRI Action Plan III

- OEC responded to a Chicago Tribune inquiry for an upcoming story about high lead emissions from Arcelor Mittal-Burns Harbor.
- Wisconsin Public Radio and Duluth News Tribune seeking updates on Husky Refinery fire cleanup in Superior.

Press Events / Releases / Statements / Interviews / Tours

- Local CBS affiliate interviewed OSC at Ensign Products emergency removal site in Cleveland, 7/9 (on camera)
- GLRI Action Plan III public forum in Duluth, 7/5 press release

Intergovernmental Engagements / Inquiries

- Sen. Baldwin inquiry re: We Energies efforts at the Oak Creek facility, 7/9 +7/11
- Rep. Wenstrup inquiry re: status of Peters Cartridge Superfund Site partial deletion from the NPL, 7/5